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## 2002 Federal Tax and Wage Statements for Department of Defense Personnel

The 2002 Federal Tax and Wage Statements (Form W-2) were mailed to all Department of Defense personnel by Jan. 25, 2003. Military and civilian personnel who have not received their W-2s or think they need a corrected W-2 must contact their local military finance/pay office or their activity's customer service representative, respectively. If the local finance office or customer service representative is not available or cannot help, please follow the directions below, based on your status.

**Air Force:** Active duty members should contact their servicing Financial Services Office for assistance or <http://www.dfas.mil/myPay/> to access myPay. Members will also be able to view and print up to four prior years of their W-2 and W-2C tax statements on myPay. myPay will display the Treasury Department W-2 and W-2C tax statement in the proper IRS format. Members separated from active duty should send a written request to: DFAS-PMJPS-DE 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver, CO 80279. Be sure to include full name, SSN and current mailing address. Air National Guard and Reserve members should call their local payroll office for assistance.

**Army:** Army members must go through their servicing finance office, Defense Military Pay office or <http://www.dfas.mil/myPay/> to access myPay and obtain replacement initial and corrected W-2s. Members will also be able to view and print up to four prior years of their W-2 and W-2C tax statements on myPay. myPay will display the Treasury Department W-2 and W-2C tax statement in the proper IRS format. If a member has separated from the Army or is requesting W-2s for off-line payments (student loans/claims) or do it yourself (DITY) moves, etc., they may call 1-888-PAYARMY. Army members who separated from the service with a debt requiring a W-2 should call 1-800-962-0648.

**Navy:** Active duty and Reserve Navy members are able to view and print their 2002 initial W-2 and corrected W-2 (W-2Cs) from their myPay Account. Members will also be able to view and print up to four prior years of their W-2 and W-2C tax statements on myPay. myPay will display the Treasury Department W-2 and W-2C tax statement in the proper IRS format. Members can access their myPay account via the internet at <http://www.dfas.mil/myPay/>.

The Cleveland Customer Contact Center will assist commands and individual members with reissuing of W-2s for individual members. They can contact the Cleveland Customer Contact Center at 1-800-346-3374 Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST (except on Federal Holidays).

**Marine Corps:** Active duty and Reserve Marine Corps members are able to view and print their 2002 initial W-2 and corrected W-2 (W-2C) from their myPay accounts at <http://www.dfas.mil/myPay/>. For requests for replacement W-2s for members who are discharged or retired (in 2002), or for corrected W-2s, go to <http://www.dfas.mil/w2/USMC-W2.htm>.

If your W-2 looks a little different this year than last year, be aware that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has made the following changes to W-2s for tax year 2002:

- In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules, reporting of Non Taxable Earned Income (NTEI) on members' W-2 has been eliminated. As a result, block 12 of the W-2 no longer contains NTEI information beginning with the 2002 W-2.
- The Code D in Box 12 is for TSP Deferred – Amount of money member contributed to TSP during tax year 2002 and on which member will be required to pay taxes upon withdrawal.
- The Code E in Box 14 is for TSP Exempt – Amount of money member contributed to TSP during tax year 2002 and on which member will not be required to pay taxes because monies were earned while entitled to combat zone tax exclusion.

**Department of Defense civilians:** 2002 Form W-2s for civilians were mailed on January 3, 2003, to employee's address on file in the payroll system as of December 14, 2002. Civilian employees who have not received their 2002 W-2 should contact their local CSR with any address corrections. Additionally, employees can view/print their 2002 W-2 from <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

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